

## Decision by Portfolio Holder



**Report reference: RAE-001-2022/23**

**Date of report: 07 July 2022**

**Epping Forest  
District Council**

**Portfolio: Reviews & Efficiency – Councillor L Burrows**

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**Democratic Services: J Leither**

**Subject: Grant Aid Scheme –  
Allocation of Budget and Applications for Determination – 07 July 2022**

### Decision:

1. That funding from the Grant Aid Scheme (one-off grants) for 2022/23 totalling £10,628.65 be awarded to; Debden Sports Club, Hanover Elders Community Forum, and Lambourne End Centre under the terms of the Grant Aid scheme, for the reasons stated and subject to any conditions set out in Column 2 of Appendix 1 attached.
2. That the applications from Afro-Brazilian Arts & Cultural Exchange Institute, A Place to Be Me, Buckhurst Hill, Core & Flow, Epping Playground Association, Rise Community CIC, Grant A Smile CIC, and Zinc Arts be refused for the reasons set out in Column 3 of Appendix 3.
3. To note that Epping Forest Sunflower Group, Epping Primary School, and Epping Sports Club will be deferred, as set out in Column 3 of Appendix 2.
4. That funding from the Grant Aid Scheme totalling £18,600 be awarded to; Loughton Voluntary Care, Epping Forest Foodbank, Redbridge Samaritans, Waltham Abbey Youth 2000 and Ongar & Villages Voluntary Care in the form of three-year Service Level Agreements as set out in Appendix 4.

#### **ADVISORY NOTICE:**

***A Portfolio Holder may not take a decision on a matter on which he/she has declared a Pecuniary interest.  
A Portfolio Holder with a non-pecuniary interest must declare that interest when exercising delegated powers.***

I have read and approve/~~do not approve~~ (delete as appropriate) the above decision:

Comments/further action required: None

Signed: Councillor L Burrows

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022

*Non-pecuniary interest declared by Portfolio Holder/ conflict of non-pecuniary interest declared by any other consulted Cabinet Member:*

None

*Dispensation granted by Standards Committee:*  
Yes/No or n/a

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Call-in period begins: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022

Expiry of Call-in period: 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022

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Portfolio Holder:**

**Reason for decision:**

Through the Grant Aid Scheme consideration is given to applications received in respect of one-off grants from voluntary and community groups. The approval of such grants ensures the provision of much valued projects and services within the district.

**Options considered and rejected:**

Options considered in terms of grant applications were for approval (and, if so, the amounts concerned), deferral or refusal. There were no other options for consideration and the only transfer of funds, which is possible, is from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Budget within the Community and Partnership Services Portfolio.

**Background Report:**

N/A

**Resource Implications:**

£40,000 set aside for grants to voluntary organisations in 2022/23.

The one-off grants now put forward for approval amount to £29,228.65 (See Appendix 5 attached).

**Legal and Governance Implications:**

Nonspecific.

**Safer, Cleaner and Greener Implications:**

There are no specific implications in terms of Crime and Disorder or Environmental issues within the District.

**Consultation Undertaken:**

Discussions have taken place with applicant groups, Ward Councillors and Officers.

**Background Papers:**

The Grant Aid application forms for the grant together with supporting information.

**Impact Assessments:****Risk Management:**

No formal assessments carried out.

**Key Decision Reference (Y/N): N****Equality Analysis:**

The Equality Act 2010 requires that the Public Sector Equality Duty is actively applied in decision-making. This means that the equality information provided to accompany this report is essential reading for all members involved in the consideration of this report. The equality information is provided as an Appendix to the report.

Column 1 Group	Column 2 Nature of Application	Column 3 Amount Approved £	Column 4 Comments
<b>Debden Sports Club</b>	Replacement of damaged floor in the main building and changing room	£3,445	
<b>Hanover Elders Community Forum</b>	Over 50's Learning ICT Project	£2,183.65	
<b>Lambourne End Centre</b>	Refurbish swimming pool to cater for further needs and accessibility	£5,000	

**APPLICATIONS DEFERRED****APPENDIX 2**

<b>Column 1 Group</b>	<b>Column 2 Nature of Application</b>	<b>Column 3 Comments</b>
<b>Epping Forest Sunflower Group</b>	Purchase equipment for a documentary film and Arts & Craft project	Cllr. L Burrows has deferred the application as we are pending further information regarding their project.
<b>Epping Primary School</b>	Installing an all-weather rubber activity trial	Cllr. L Burrows has deferred the application as we are pending further information regarding their services.
<b>Epping Sports Club</b>	Installing a cricket safety net	Cllr. L Burrows has deferred the application until match funding applications have been confirmed.

**APPLICATIONS REFUSED**

**APPENDIX 3**

<b>Column 1 Group</b>	<b>Column 2 Nature of Application</b>	<b>Column 3 Comments</b>
<b>Afro-Brazilian Arts &amp; Cultural Exchange Institute</b>	To run an education and social inclusion programme	Cllr. L Burrows refused the application due to the initial consultation identifying the needs for the district was not enough and the organisation's services are not in the District.
<b>A Place to Be Me</b>	4 hour a week drop-in service for young people aged 10-18	Cllr. L Burrows refused the application due to there being a lack of information provided regarding sustainability and the organisation's accounts had not been provided to back up sustainability. Limited evidence of district need.
<b>Buckhurst Hill FC</b>	Refurbishment of changing rooms	Cllr. L Burrows refused the application due to the grant T&C not being met and as they were awarded a grant last year. Would like to award to other organisations due to tight grant budgets.
<b>Core &amp; Flow</b>	To purchase 2 Pilates Reformers.	Cllr. L Burrows refused the application due to Core & Flow being a private organisation and therefore not eligible for the Grant Aid funding.
<b>Epping Playground Association</b>	Redevelop the Lower Swaines Recreational; Group	Cllr. L Burrows refused the application due to EPA receiving majority of their funding already. In addition, they have recently received a significant grant from Qualis. Would like to award another organisation due to tight grant budgets.
<b>Rise Community CIC</b>	New project that provides boxing training to adult males	Cllr. L Burrows refused the application due to the lack of detailed information provided by the organisation.
<b>Grant A Smile CIC</b>	Funding towards general equipment and lifting aid tools	Cllr. L Burrows refused the application due to the lack of match funding information and application was not detailed enough.
<b>Zinc Arts</b>	Towards filming equipment's for their cooking videos to promote healthy eating	Cllr. L Burrows refused the application due to there being many resources already out there that provide the same service already.

**THREE YEAR SLA APPLICATIONS APPROVALS****APPENDIX 4**

<b>Column 1 Group</b>	<b>Column 2 Nature of Application</b>	<b>Column 3 Amount approved £</b>	<b>Column 3 Comments</b>
Redbridge Samaritans	3 Year Service Level Agreement	£5,000 per year	For 3 years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23
Loughton Voluntary Care	3 Year Service Level Agreement	£5,000 per year	For 3 years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23
Epping Forest Foodbank	3 Year Service Level Agreement	£5,000 per year	For 3 years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23
Waltham Abbey Youth 2000	3 Year Service Level Agreement	£2,000 per year	For 3 years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23
Ongar & Villages Voluntary Care	3 Year Service Level Agreement	£1,600 per year	For 3 years 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25

**GRANT AID SCHEME 2022/23 – STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION**

Total Budget for Grants to Voluntary Organisations = £40,000.00

<b>One-Off Major Grants</b>	<b>Grant Approved</b>	
SLA Approved Funding - WAY2000 - Approved May 2020	£2,000	
SLA Approved Funding - Loughton Voluntary Care	£5,000	
SLA Approved Funding - Redbridge Samaritans	£5,000	
SLA Approved Funding - Epping Forest Foodbank	£5,000	
SLA Approved Funding – Ongar and Villages Voluntary Care	£1,600	
Debden Sports Club	£3,445	
Hanover Elders Community Forum	£2,183.65	
Lambourne End Centre	£5,000	
<b>Total Expenditure as at 11.07.22</b>		<b>£29,228.65</b>
<b>Amounts remaining in budget prior to the approvals recommended in this decision sheet</b>		<b>£40,000.00</b>
<b>Amount recommended for approval as per this decision sheet</b>	<b>£29,228.65</b>	
<b>Amount remaining if applications approved as per Appendix 1</b>		<b>£10,771.35</b>

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